tants is being encouraged through fiscal concessions.

In addition, Government is encouraging innovative technologies for production of flyash based blocks, bricks, ready mix concrete etc. for which fiscal concessions are being granted. A scheme relating to National Networks of Building Centre is in operation to provide training to the artisans in new technologies and to popularise cost effective & innovative technologies in construction. Some of the Building Centres have taken up construction work and production of building materials.

Repeal of Urban Land (Ceiling Regulation) Act 1976 will also pave way for release of more land and facilitate land assembly for the purpose of construction. The recent tax concession given for hous-

Construction of Dwelling Units in East Delhi

1685. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Growth Techno Project Ltd. has been allowed to construct some 5000 dwelling units in East Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time schedule has been fixed for its completion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (d) The DDA has reported that the Growth Techno Project Ltd. is not executing any housing project in East Delhi.

Urban Areas Suffering Lack of Sanitation and Drainage

1686. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to identify urban areas all over the country which suffer from lack of sanitation and drainage;

(b) whether any survey has been done on a detailed basis by Government; and

(c) if so, the number of badly affected areas in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir. Urban drainage/sanitation being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to provide for these facilities in their respective areas.

(b) No, Sir. No detailed survey has been done by the Central Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Misuse of public land

1687. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C-Block Park of Rehabilitation Ministry Employees Cooperative Group House Building Society Ltd., Shivalik, New Delhi, earmarked for the purpose of school is being used for other purposes of having cocktails/entertainment parties/marriages at the rate of Rs. 2,500 per function besides security of Rs. 3000;

(b) whether Government have granted the permission to misuse the plot;

(c) if not, the steps being taken against the management of the society for its lapse; and

(d) whether Government propose to restrict the society for the misuse of this park forthwith and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) As per inspection conducted by the office of Regis-

rar Co-operative Societies, it has been revealed that the Society is collecting the money from its members amounting to Rs. 2,500 for the utilisation of the C-Block, Park for the various functions/ parties which is actually earmarked for the purpose of a school.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The society has been directed by the Land & Development Office to stop the misuse immediately. The local Police & Registrar, Co-operative Societies have also been advised to check further misuse, if any, by the Society.

OECF fund to MRTS

1688. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Japanese agency OECF had agreed to fund the Mass Rapid Transit System contemplated for the Capital to the extent of 56 per cent of its estimated cost;

(b) if so, the terms of the offer;

(c) whether the Japanese agency has threatened to withdraw the offer on account of inordinate delay that the project is suffering; and

(d) the reasons for the delay and the steps being taken to implement the project with due priority?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir. OECF have agreed to fund approximately 56% of the estimated cost of Delhi MRTS Phase-I.

(b) The loan is to be provided by OECF (Japan) at an interest of 2.3% per annum. The entire loan is to be provided in stages. The loan is repayable over a period of 30 years with moratorium of 10 years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The implementation of the project has already started and no delay is anticipated in the implementation of the project.

Improvement of municipal services in Agartala

1689. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been received from the Government of Tripura for financial assistance for improvement of municipal services in Agartala, particularly for improvement of water supply, drainage and sewerage; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from the State Government of Tripura for financial assistance for improvement of water supply, drainage and sewerage in Agartala. Water supply/sanitation being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to provide for these facilities in their respective areas. The Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) under which Central assistance is provided on 50 : 50 sharing basis to the State Governments for implementing the urban water supply schemes is meant for towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 Census.

(b) The State Government of Tripura, has been requested to forward Detailed Project Report (DPR) for special Central assistance for Agartala pertaining to water supply, drainage and solid waste management components.

Panel to dispose of DDA cases

1690. SHRI VIJAY J DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a panel to dispose of over 20,000 DDA cases;